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Fresh Selling Wave Carries Securities To New Low Levels

Failure of the Market to Rally Causes Fresh Heavy Liquidation; Rails Are Affected by the Movement

Skepticism and fear regarding market values, occasioned by the drastic declines since Election Day, were more moving forces at the Stock Exchange yesterday than the buying power of those who held the theory that present quotations for stocks are cheap. As a result security prices tumbled with the exception of holding companies, in some instances, and more than seventy common stocks were offered on the floor at the lowest quotations thus far established in 1920.

No new development in the outer world seemed to be responsible for the persistent selling, which originated rather from the cumulative effect of rather losses within the stock market. The failure of stocks to rally, notably on the decline in call money rates to 8 and 7 per cent on Thursday and on the previous day, after many brokers had predicted a technical recovery, vitiated the faith of many speculators who were holding on in the hope of a rise. This kind of selling was reinforced by forced liquidation and by the uncovering of margin calls and loss positions, as well as by the demand into the low levels.

At the close of the market, with bearishness and the rumors which it encourages in the atmosphere, there was no display of rallying power. The violence of the decline is measured by the average price of thirty industrial stocks, which fell to the lowest level of the year.

In the morning session there were irregular movements, but in the afternoon unimpressive movements toward recovery. At the outset the most outstanding weakness was in the shipping shares, which were thrown on the market in single volume. In the afternoon the selling waves assumed greatest strength and the depression affected railroad shares as well as the industrial stocks. The rail stocks fell to within 5 points. In the great electrical, marine, automobile and sugar stocks the losses registered were striking.

The foreign exchanges revealed steadiness, but further sweeping declines were made in the commodity markets, where new lows were established.

The local market dullness was not unexpected. This market is temporarily held up while the process of digestion goes on. Dealers are reported to be well supplied with issues and are consequently not eager to bid them for in the open market. This accounts for the easing of prices, but bond men express the view that investment securities will benefit from deflation and that the temporary setback is without wide significance.

Money and Credit

Call money held at 9 per cent all day yesterday, as compared with a closing of 7 per cent on Thursday. Demand for accommodations was said to be not so large as on several previous days.

Yesterdays, Nov. 12.

On mixed collateral, 9 1/2

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Time money (mixed collateral):

Sixty days, 8 1/2

Ninety days, 8 1/2

Four months, 8 1/2

Four to six months, 8 1/2

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London Exchange. The New York funds in excess of one million per \$1,000,000, and British funds in New York, \$11,111,111, amount per \$1,000.

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